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1/3 raids urban headquarters



(Clockwise) First Lt. Edward Han, a platoon commander with Alpha Co., 1/3, peers over the edge of a building in the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility while a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter makes its approach to the landing zone to drop more Bravo Co. Marines. Lance Cpl. Alex Reineck, with Alpha Co., 1/3, hides atop a MOUT facility building awaiting the Bravo enemy attack.

Bravo, Alpha Co. conduct training at Schofield

Story and Photos by
Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Today's battles can occur at any time and any place, which is why it's important for Marines to train in a variety of places and climates to achieve maximum versatility.

Bravo Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment,

Marines boarded CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters Jan. 16, en route to Schofield Barracks' Military Operations in Urban Terrain training facility. The training area was comprised of nearly 20 buildings with multiple floors, and dozens of windows, vantage points and hiding places for the enemy.

The enemy in this particular exercise turned out to be 36 fellow 1/3 Marines

from Alpha Co., which included the 3rd Marine Regiment's newly crowned super squad. The Alpha Co. Marines had arrived early in the afternoon to secure each of the buildings and prepare for the imminent attack from Bravo Co. machinegunners and riflemen topped each building to counter any advances that might be made.

See 1/3, A-3

1st Rad. Bn. set to deploy

MCB Hawaii Staff
Press Release

CAMP H. M. SMITH — Elements of the 1st Radio Bn. Marine Forces Pacific, have been ordered to the U.S. Central Command area of operations in support of the Nation's ongoing war against global terrorism.

Approximately 250 Marines and Sailors will be deploying from their home base at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, in the near future.

The 1st Radio Bn.'s mission is to provide communications support for Marine Corps intelligence organizations and to conduct electronic warfare (such as jamming an adversary's radio or using direction-finding equipment to determine where an adversary may be located).

The Marines and Sailors have been properly vaccinated against anthrax and other potentially hazardous agents, and are ready to adhere to any orders or instructions regarding the smallpox (or any other mandated) vaccination.

Stay tuned to the *Hawaii Marine* for more updates on deploying units from MCB Hawaii.

New CMC envisions future Marine Corps

Headquarters Marine Corps
Press Release

WASHINGTON — When Gen. Michael Hagee assumed the duties as the 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps Jan. 13, he wasted no time in articulating his planning guidance — a map of where the Corps is headed and his directions for getting there — to a gathering of general officers at a symposium held in Arlington Jan. 13 - 17.

In his planning guidance, Gen. Hagee highlights his belief that the Corps' move into the 21st century is on track to succeed with only minor rudder shifts required.

"I was a part of the 32nd CMC's deci-

sion-making team," he said.

General Hagee and the other current leaders of the Corps were supportive of all the major decisions made by Gen. James L. Jones, now the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

The new Commandant envisions all decisions he and his general officers make being guided by two tenets — maximizing warfighting excellence and taking care of our Marines, he said. By aiming for those two objectives, the CMC



HAGEE

"We need to continue to focus on both training and education"

Gen. Michael Hagee
33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps

believes that all other decisions will fall in line.

One particular area the commandant addressed was the continuation of Gen. Jones' practice of empowering the enlisted Marine.

General Jones' philosophy of empowering the enlisted ranks focused on better-trained and better-educated staff noncommissioned officers.

A greater number of enlisted Marines with degrees and advanced training is grounds for continuing to decentralize command and place greater responsibility on this group of Marines, Gen. Hagee said.

"Within the Marine Corps, it's less and less about your rank, [and more] about your ability to do the job," Gen. Hagee said. "We need to continue to focus on both training and education—and there is a difference.

See CMC, A-5

Aircraft pilot, crash survivor briefs Marines, Sailors

Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

Former devil dog and United Airlines pilot Capt. Al Haynes came aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Jan. 9, to give a safety seminar to Marines and Sailors on the base involved with aviation.

Haynes is well known throughout the aviation community for his miraculous crash-landing of a terminally damaged DC-10 aircraft in Sioux City, Iowa, in July of 1989. He served as a perfect speaker to get points across to Marines and Sailors in attendance.

Before Haynes took center stage, a video was shown to the audience about the crash that occurred in 1989. More than 100 passengers died in that crash, but nearly 200 survived, thanks to Haynes' and the rest of the crew's bravery and skill.

Haynes preached during the presentation about bettering the work environment and sustaining calm through a disaster by the use of a five-step program.

Communications, preparation, execution, cooperation and a little bit of luck are to what he attributed his success and survival as a pilot.

"There were times in the cockpit

when we had no choice but to listen to one another, even though I was the senior man," said Haynes. "You have to listen to ideas, because even though you think you know something, someone may have a better idea. And, even if they don't, it's a good opportunity to teach those less experienced."

The Marines and Sailors present at the seminar took away the knowledge what it was like to pilot a diving DC-10, as well as the skills to work with peers, superiors and subordinates on making things work in seemingly hopeless situations.



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Former U.S. Marine and United Airlines pilot Capt. Al Haynes discusses the video recounting the plane crash he survived in 1989.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

PET REGISTRATION CLINIC SCHEDULED SATURDAY

The Kaneohe Veterinary Clinic Facility, Bldg. 455 (next to the Housing Office), will be running a “registration only” clinic on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii will offer a 30-day amnesty period to register existing pets.

Only vaccinations and microchips needed for registration will be performed that day. No sick pets will be seen.

Call the Kaneohe Veterinary Treatment Facility at 257-3643, or stop by and make an appointment for Saturday.

Bring your pets’ vaccination records and your military I.D., if you’ve never processed through the facility.

W-2S AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW

All personnel with access to myPay (formally Employee/Member Self Service) can now access their W-2 forms necessary to file tax returns. The W-2 tax form is available for download for the current year, and previous years to 1998.

SHEARWATERS BEGIN FLEDGING

During the months of November through January, certain species of seabirds are fledging from their nest sites throughout the main and offshore Hawaiian islands.

Often during the hours of darkness, Wedgetail Shearwater Juveniles, upon leaving their nest, are sometimes disoriented by lights. You may find the birds on your porches or in your yards, work areas, and often on roadways after being struck by cars.

If you observe a shearwater — or any sea bird or birds that may be federally protected and disoriented or injured — call the Provost Marshal’s Office game warden at 257-1821 or 257-2123.

You may also contact Mr. Gordon Olayvar, MCB Hawaii’s biological science technician, at 257-6920, ext. 230.

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CG’s MAIL BOX

“I would like to recommend that two stalls next to the handicapped stalls be assigned as O-6 parking.”



BRIG. GEN. MCABEE

Submitted by Retired Col. Bill Stoner



Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

The Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course currently reserves 20 of the 147 total parking spaces available. Six are for handicapped, six for the grades of 0-6 and above, and seven for the E-9 population. This means reserved parking spaces use 13.5% of the total parking available at the facility.

Colonel Stoner,

I have been asked by the commanding general to research and respond to your email of Jan. 9 since your concerns and recommendations fall under my staff responsibilities. The commanding general appreciates that you have taken the time to participate in the “CG Mail” program.

You are spot-on with regard to marking the “0-6” reserved parking spaces. These reserved spaces should reflect all 0-6’s, regardless of service, and we will take corrective action.

With regard to your comment on the number of 0-6 reserved parking spaces, you are correct in that we recently adjusted the number of reserved spaces to ensure a balance with the overall parking needs of the facility.

In fact, the commanding general personally initiated a parking survey prior to directing any changes.

Based on your suggestion, the base staff revisited this issue and

concluded that the current reserved parking scheme adequately balances the overall need for reserved parking with the total parking requirement for this facility.

Our goal is to maximize parking for the majority of users of the Klipper/Marine Corps Community Services programs. For example, the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course reserves 20 of the 147 total parking spaces available: six for handicapped, six for the grades of 0-6 and above and seven for the E-9 population.

Said another way, reserved parking spaces occupy 13.5 percent of the total parking available at the facility.

We appreciate your thoughtful comments. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 254-7500, and again, thank you for taking the time to participate in the CG Mail program.

Mr. William B. Lindsey
Assistant Chief of Staff
Marine Corps Community Services

Respectfully,
Bill Stoner

(Editor’s Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)
The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn’t be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?
Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.
For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cg-mail.htm.



CLARK

‘America’s Bn.’ welcomes new CO



Lieutenant Col. Robert D. Clark (left) replaced Lt. Col. David L. Close as the commanding officer of 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Jan. 17. Clark previously served as the executive officer for Headquarters Bn., 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Close is scheduled to go to the Naval Warfare College in Newport, R.I.



CLOSE

In the ‘V’ Ring



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

DoD starts short-term enlistment program for Marine Corps, Air Force

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A new military short-term enlistment program will begin Oct. 1, 2003 aimed at expanding the opportunities for all Americans to serve the country. Congress authorized the “National Call to Service” enlistment option as part of the fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Act. Bob Clark, assistant director in DoD’s accession policy directorate, said the program will allow the military services a new option to reach a group of young Americans who otherwise might not serve due to the length of traditional enlistment options.

The Program

The program will work like this: A recruit enlists for the option and incurs a 15-month active duty service obligation following completion of initial-entry training, for a total active duty commitment of about 19 months. Following successful completion of active duty, service members may re-enlist for further active duty or transfer to the selected reserve for a 24-month obligation. Once this is completed, service members may stay in the selected reserve or transfer to individual ready reserve for the remainder of their eight-year commitments. “The unique piece of this legislation is that while in the individual ready reserve, these young people will be given the opportunity to move into one of the other national service programs, such as AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps, and

time in those will count toward their eight-year obligation,” said Clark. While the Army and Navy already have a limited two-year enlistment program, this is the first time the Air Force and Marine Corps will offer the option. Clark stated that the option would be limited to high-quality recruits — those with a high school diploma and scores in the top half of aptitude tests. Officials hope this will make the military more attractive to college-bound youth who might volunteer to take a short period out between high school and college, but would not take off that three- or four-year period. He feels the option may also attract college graduates interested in serving their country before attending graduate school. But perhaps the largest potential pool for the option is with community college graduates who might serve the country for a short time and use available incentives to enter a four-year school, said Clark.

Incentives

There are four incentives under the option. The first is a \$5,000 bonus payable upon completion of active duty service. The second is a loan-repayment option also paid at the end of the active duty portion. The legislation allows for repayment of up to \$18,000 of qualifying student loans. The final two incentives are tied to — but not part of — the Montgomery G.I. Bill. One gives 12 months of a full Montgomery G.I. Bill stipend, currently about \$900 a month. “This should attract college graduates looking to go to grad

school,” said Clark. The other incentive offers 36 monthly payments at one-half of the current Montgomery G.I. Bill stipend. “We look at this as being an incentive to both high school graduates or maybe college students who are financially strapped, who may need to sit out for a period, serve the country, learn, see the world and then go to school,” he said.

Enlistment Criteria

The services will set the enlistment criteria. Military specialties that involve long-term training will not be offered. Basic medical specialties, some engineer skills, and personnel, administration and combat specialties will be part of the mix. The first members who opt for this program will go into the delayed-entry program beginning Oct. 1, 2003. Clark was adamant that service members in this program would not be “second class citizens.” He said although they will serve shorter periods of time, they will be treated the same way as those with longer-term enlistments. The program will start with a small number of inductees; there is no set number that will indicate success. As the program ramps up, DoD will work with national service organizations to ensure recruits under this program understand all their options. Clarks said DoD is coming off its most successful recruiting year ever. “The department does not need this program to fill the ranks, but we are excited about offering the chance to serve the country to young men and women who ordinarily might not.”

1/3: Alpha, Bravo train at MOUT

From A-1

The Bravo Co. Marines finally descended from the Schofield skies at nearly dusk, in an attempt to hide troop movement for a surprise attack sometime in the darkness. Each of the Marines was armed with blank ammunition and sensor activated battle gear. Alpha Co. Marines noted several scouting patrols by Bravo Co. during the period before the attack. The full moon provided the entrenched Marines plenty of visibility, especially with the aid of night vision goggles. Marines were seen and heard in nearly every direction and seemed to have nearly surrounded the entire MOUT facility. More than five hours passed after the Bravo troops hit the ground before the attack actually began. Bravo Marines infiltrated the city from its south side in squad-sized columns at the beginning, but then began sending in Marines from all directions to overwhelm the defensive positions



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

This photo, taken with a night vision camera lens, shows Bravo Co. Marines moving through an open field under the cover of darkness to conceal themselves from Alpha Co.’s view. of Alpha Co., which quickly regressed to its headquarters in the city’s center. The attacking force met a substantial amount of resistance when trying to enter the headquarters compound, but eventually fought its way into the building after encountering numerous booby traps and ambush points to slow the assault. The numbers and firepower of Bravo Co. eventually broke the back of the Alpha Co. resistance to capture the city.

WORD ON THE STREET

“Which team will win Super Bowl XXXVII?”



"The Buccaneers will win. They have a great defense and will be able to stop the Raiders’ passing game."

Lance Cpl. T. J. Salinas

Machinegunner, Alpha Co., 1/3



"I think Tampa Bay will win, but it will be close — they have a much better defense than Oakland does."

Lance Cpl. Tom Raiford

Cannoneer, Alpha Co., 1/12



"Raiders will win. They have had a great season and their team is playing well together."

Joyce DeLapena

Sales clerk, Aloha Key & Awards, MCCA



"Raiders will win. Their quarterback Rich Gannon is the league MVP of the year."

Pfc. Adam Mantei

Machinegunner, Alpha Co., 1/3



"Raiders will win. They have some of the best players."

Rolly Gamez

Custodian, MCCA

St. Barbara’s Day legend leads 1/12

Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora
Training/Operations Chief

Myths have carved their way into legends around the world. They give life to Zeus and Pegasus, and they help people believe in what they cannot see.

Some myths have helped lost fisherman find their way home with heavenly songs of beautiful mermaids. Others have provided smiles to millions of kids on Christmas morning, and still others have magically helped love prosper with the arrows of Cupid.

For Marines and Army field artillery units around the globe, a myth frames the annual feast of St. Barbara’s Day, held each Dec 4th. First Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, honored the date with a belated celebration at the Kaneohe Bay Officers’ Club, Saturday.

The Order of St. Barbara

The U.S. Field Artillery Association manages the order of St. Barbara, which links field artillerymen of the past and present during a ceremony that celebrates their brotherhood of professionalism, selfless service and sacrifice symbolized by the mythical Saint Barbara.

"It's a great opportunity to come together as companies and celebrate Saint Barbara," said Gunnery Sgt. Adam G. Monsy, battery gunnery sergeant, Alpha Battery, 1/12.

"This honor symbolizes the very heart and soul of the professional in the artillery," said 1st Sgt. Anthony A. Spadaro, first sergeant of Bravo Battery, 1/12.

During the ceremony, Maj. Henry D. Brown, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jeffery M. Smith, Sgt. Maj. Daniel Huffmaster, and Gunnery Sgt. Joseph A. McGuigan, received the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

Also, Theresa Hansen and Debbie Morgan received the prestigious Molly Pitcher Award, which recognizes the volunteer service of spouses who contribute to the mission of field artillery and the welfare of the field artillery family.

The Legend of St. Barbara

The world was collapsing throughout the Roman Empire, around 236 - 254 A.D.



Courtesy of U.S. Army

A portrait depicts Saint Barbara with the sword that took her life, while the castle that hid her for so many years rests in the background.

The emperor was slain by his personal troops, and disease was spreading in every village and town. Yet, underground, Christianity was slowly taking the place of pagan gods — destroying the foundation of the Roman faith.

Dioscoros, a rich merchant who lived in Asia Minor and the governor of a large and wealthy city located near the Persian Border, pledged his loyalty to pagan gods. He believed that every other religion (except paganism) belonged to the poor and downtrodden and that any association with other, outlawed religions would hurt his grain business.

Dioscoros embraced one special joy — his daughter Barbara, a maiden of great beauty, as well as her father's pride and happiness. However, Dioscoros kept Barbara locked in a tower for fear she would be stained by outlawed religions, disease, enemies or many ardent suitors.

High in the sky, Barbara grew up in the lonely tower. Only windows that graced her with the beauty of the countryside below provided contact with the outside world. Servants delivered food and clothing from below, via baskets and rope.

Dioscorus surrounded Barbara with the greatest comforts, and many attendants taught her how to worship pagan gods. Surely, Dioscorus believed she would grow up to follow his footsteps and become a pagan worshipper.

One day, a stranger put a book into the basket. The book opened the door to Christianity for Barbara, who fell in love with its teachings and saw its relevance to her everyday life. She now believed that the beauty she saw everyday outside her windows could not have come from wood or stone. She discovered it came from one creator, from one wise and almighty giver of life.

Meanwhile, Dioscorus prepared to depart on a business trip, but before leaving, he ordered his servants to build a new bathhouse for his daughter. Barbara saw the construction underway. She asked the servants to build an extra window — to remind her of the three names of God. The servants obeyed their employer's daughter and built a third window.

Dioscorus soon returned home and saw the three windows. His daughter, full of excitement and pride, explained to him that she had changed the plans in honor of the Holy Trinity. As well, she had converted to Christianity.

Rage exploded in Dioscorus' eyes, and he scolded Barbara. He told her she must renounce this new faith or die.

Barbara refused.

Within seconds, Dioscorus reached for a sword. He tried to slash his beloved daughter, but Barbara ran into the hills.

Dioscuro immediately went to the Roman prefect and turned Barbara in for blasphemy. Later, the Roman guards found Barbara and took her back to face the prefect.

The rest of the story is harrowing.

Barbara was tortured endlessly and suffered like an animal; yet, she stood firm in her faith and refused to deny Christ. Thus, the Roman prefect ordered her father Dioscuro to carry out a murderous act outside the city limits.

Without hesitation, Dioscuro led Barbara to the very edge of the city,



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

Above — First Lt. Shawn Charchan (left) of Alpha Battery, 1/12, plays the role of Dioscorus, during 1/12’s skit recounting the legend of Saint Barbara as he is about to slay his beautiful daughter Barbara, played by 2nd Lt. Robert Tarleton, a forward observer for Alpha Battery.

Below — Two 155mm Howitzers from 1/12 sit poised outside the Kaneohe Bay Officers’ Club Saturday while Marines, Sailors, soldiers and guests celebrate Saint Barbara’s Day inside.



gripped her beautiful long hair, and beheaded her with his own sword.

According to legend, at that very moment, bright flames flew out of her body. Lightning struck Dioscorus. The earth shook and swallowed him whole.

Upon hearing the news, the Roman prefect, in terror, became insane and died.

Because of her faithfulness and her association with the avenging lightning bolt, Saint Barbara became the patron and martyr of those who seek protection from dangerous storms and lightning, from explosions, firearms and sudden death. As well, she became the patron saint of architects, for her bit, albeit fatal, with remodeling.

The Protection of St. Barbara

When gunpowder made its appear-

ance in the western world, Saint Barbara was invoked for aid against accidents caused by explosions, and she became the patron of artillery.

During Saturday’s celebration, the Marines of 1/12 honored their patron saint with food, drink and skits that recalled the legend.

They asked God the creator — played by 1st Lt. Andrew Roberts of Alpha Battery, 1/12 — if they could be worthy of their patron saint, Saint Barbara, and he bestowed them the honor and protection of Saint Barbara.

The 1/12 celebration ended with "Auld Lang Syne," performed by the Marine Forces Pacific Band while Spadaro narrated “Fiddler's Green,” the poem, whose origins are unknown, written to all artillerymen around the world.

The poem memorializes the service of field artillerymen.

== EVERY CLIME & PLACE ==

2,000 bid farewell to Marine ace

John Gunn
*Special to the
Hawaii Marine*

Nearly 2,000 people came together Jan. 9 at Scottsdale, Arizona's Bible Church for a farewell befitting Joe Foss, a flying ace who dedicated his life to public service, his church and family, according to *The Arizona Republic*.

Actor Charlton Heston, another member of Foss' generation, gave a brief but powerful tribute to his friend, despite limitations caused by symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.

Foss was also a mentor to NBC news anchorman Tom Brokaw, who said in videotaped remarks that Foss had the "aura of a hero but the openness of the guy next door."

Former first lady Barbara Bush sent her family's regards in a letter saying, "The whole Bush family thought the world of you."

The memorial service was full of military pomp

and circumstance, including a flyover by F-16s in a missing-man formation, *The Republic* said.

Foss was also a former governor of South Dakota, first commissioner of the American Football League and a past president of the National Rifle Association, which Heston leads.

Foss died Jan. 1, at the age of 87, in Scottsdale, after suffering an aneurysm in Michigan in October.

Brokaw, a native of South Dakota, and Foss became friends in 1957 when Brokaw was 17.

Foss, then governor of South Dakota, invited Brokaw, governor of Boy's State, to be his partner on a national quiz show, where they won \$612 each.

Foss was a key inspiration behind Brokaw's 1998 book "The Greatest Generation," about Americans who came of age during the Depression and World War II and helped shape the country.

When Heston walked to

the podium, he got a standing ovation.

"I've known no man of more honor than Joe Foss. I'll miss his smile, his passion and his friendship," he said, reading from text.

Bill Bright of Orlando, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ International, also videotaped his remarks.

"Joe Foss was the original John Wayne. John Wayne was an actor, but Joe is real," Bright said.

Mourners were told that Foss turned down a Hollywood offer to have Wayne play him in a movie because there was a love interest in the script, said *The Republic*.

General William Nyland, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, bade a tearful goodbye to a man he had heard about for decades from when he was in officer's training in the Marines.

"I would later learn that there wasn't an aircraft in the world that could ac-

count for all the victories of Joe's life," Gen. Nyland said of the 26 flags posted on Foss' fighter plane that symbolized the 26 planes he shot down in World War II.

"We will miss you. Your Corps will miss you," Nyland said, his voice cracking.

After a bagpipe belled a mournful "Amazing Grace," a 21-gun salute exploded into the sky and F-16s thundered overhead.

Thursday was also officially declared Joe Foss Day, and state flags flew at half staff.

In the end, Foss got the last word when he spoke to the mourners in an old videotape about his Christian faith.

"Each one of us is one breath away from leaving this great world of ours, and it's better to know where you're going," he said. "'God bless you all and have another great day.'"



Lance Cpl. John Goss

The Senate Armed Services Committee began holding hearings in September 2002 to examine the nomination of Lt. Gen. Michael W. Hagee for appointment to the grade of general and Commandant of the Marine Corps.

CMC, From A-1

Training focuses on techniques and procedures; education focuses on understanding."

In addition to specific issues addressed in the planning guidance, other areas of concern and priority for the commandant include identifying the platforms for future maritime operations and enhancing the naval

team's capability to project power ashore.

The Commandant said the future of the

Corps is tied to identifying capabilities the nation will need in the future and tailoring a Marine Corps to deliver those capabilities.

"Once we know what capabilities the nation will need to support our combatant commanders, now and in the future, we'll be best able to use the 175,000 Marines Congress has authorized."

The CMC's complete planning guidance can be viewed online at www.usmc.mil/33cm-cpg.doc.

Keeping ‘Old Faithful’ Proud



Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

Staff Sgt. Jason M. Lovell, assistant training chief, G-3, MCB Hawaii, replaces the National Ensign on the Pacific War Memorial Jan. 17. Recent storms and strong winds rendered the colors unserviceable.

ACMC says ‘buckle up’

Headquarters
Marine Corps
Press Release

The week of Feb. 9-15 has been designated child passenger safety week. This presents an opportunity to include Marines’ families in activities directed toward marketing safety in keeping with the Marine Corps 2nd quarter theme.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has identified “4 steps for kids”

The first step is rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year and at least 20 pounds.

The second step is forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age 1 to about age



Cpl. Jessica Mills

Three-month-old Jaiden Mills is securely buckled in a rear-facing infant seat whenever he is in a vehicle.

four and 20 to 40 pounds.

Step three involves booster seats in the back seat from about age 4 and 40 pounds to at least 8 years of age.

Safety belts without booster seats at age 8 or older or taller than 4’9”. All children age 12 and

under should ride in the back seat.

A special NHTSA website, www.BUCKLEUPAMERICA.org outlines possible activities for the week.

A number of suggested actions focus on this year’s emphasis targets: promoting booster seats and providing training for child care providers on how to transport children safely.

Child safety seat inspection events are always beneficial. Bases lacking that resource should locate and publicize child safety seat inspections in the surrounding area.

An action-filled child passenger safety week can serve as a powerful kickoff for the Corps’ effort of marketing total family safety.